

April 11, 1942.

Dr. J. B. Martin,
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Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

At the last Meeting of the Negro National League held in Philadelphia, the Newark Eagles proposed that the National and American Leagues sponsor an All Star game to be played in Washington, D. C. under the lights, if possible, for the benefit of the Army Relief Fund. The teams would consist of the same players who will participate in the East-West game in Chicago on August 16th, and the game would be played soon after the East-West game.

The Members took the suggestion under advisement at the time, and I am writing this letter in the hope of speeding up official action on this proposal. It is my belief that the Negro baseball should be making a worthwhile contribution to America's war effort. What finer way could this be done than by playing an All Star game and turning the proceeds over to this deserving charity. The fine example set by Joe Louis in boxing should certainly afford us such inspiration to make this patriotic effort, if any inspiration is needed.

Will you as Chairman prevail upon the owners of the Clubs in your League to act upon this proposal at once, so that Negro baseball will conduct itself with credit during this present emergency.

Very truly yours,

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